

## **FLORENCE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2003**

**6:30 PM**

### Call to Order

Council President John Hofflinger called the meeting to order.

### Sunshine Statement

The Township Clerk read the following notice: Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was posted on the Municipal bulletin board; given to the Register News for information; published in the Burlington County Times on 1-24-03.

### Roll Call

Present: John Fratinardo; Bruce Garganio; Jerry Sandusky; John Hofflinger

Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant  
Municipal Administrator; Joy Weiler, Township Clerk

### Emergency Management Office

Barry Luckenbill, Emergency Management Officer

Police Captain Gadbois

Edward Kensler, Todd Estelo – representatives of the Fire Department

Mr. Luckenbill explained to Mayor and Council his conflict with the position. In December he was appointed by the County as Burlington County Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator. He cannot hold the County position and the local position together. He is resigning from the local position as EMO.

Mr. Luckenbill recommended and discussed the local Emergency Management Planning Council. Representatives are from: EMS, Fire, EMO Coordinator, Council Member, Public Works and people who have hazardous materials on site, i.e. Griffin Pipe, etc.

The Office of Emergency Management has been growing lately. Kevin Tuno, Burlington County Coordinator of Emergency Management now has additional personnel to assist.

For his replacement Mr. Luckenbill recommended Phil Drangula.

Barry Luckenbill discussed the major snowfall over the weekend of 2/16. He declared an emergency within the Township at 6:00 PM. This will enable the Township to obtain funds from the State due to the declaration of emergency. Money can be reimbursed for snow removal, etc. The emergency was terminated on 2/18/03.

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Mr. Luckenbill stated that Sgt. Fazakas did a fine job working during the emergency and Mr. Luckenbill commended him.

The position is time consuming. Currently the office has available for the coordinator a radio, charger, and Mr. Luckenbill recommends a lap top computer. The Emergency Management Plan is current and good until 2006.

Parts of the plan were worked on by Ed Kensler, Police Department, Public Works and Dave Dennison.

Currently, Chief Gordon Dawson is the Deputy Emergency Management Officer. Any notices from the County also go to the Fire Department and the Police Department.

Barry Luckenbill also requested that whoever comes on board should have space at the municipal building. They will need a central location for all emergency services. They should be available during the day.

Barry also asked that the Township budget for a couple of dozen cots for those volunteering in Emergency Management; and for people who do not have heat during storms.

Florence Township is better prepared than many other towns; the forms are up to date; have a current plan.

Mr. Luckenbill thanked Mayor and Council for their time this evening.

Council Member Bruce Garganio asked about chain of command? Mr. Luckenbill explained that all incidents fall under "ICS" system (Incident Command System).

Council Member Garganio said that a message should be posted on the web page for residents to access when there is an emergency.

The Mayor explained to Mr. Luckenbill that the Township is advertising for his replacement; he thanked Barry for his recommendation for replacement, but wanted to explain why advertising and interviewing.

**NOTE:** 6:50 PM Township Solicitor, William John Kearns, Jr. present.

The Mayor and Members of Council thanked Barry Luckenbill for his work in the past; his efforts have moved the office forward and all appreciate what he has brought to the position.

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Mayor and Council extended congratulations to Edward Kensler, Fire Chief, on the election and approval of the Fire Budget which was won by a few votes: 151 to 148.

Ed Kensler stated that the Fire Company is willing to sit and talk and work together and move forward for the Township.

Police Captain Joe Gadbois stated that the entire police department will be trained on the Incident Command System in order to have all understand how the system works.

**Adjournment**

Motion made at 7:00 PM by Jerry Sandusky; seconded by Bruce Garganio. Roll call vote – all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy M. Weiler, RMC/MMC  
Township Clerk